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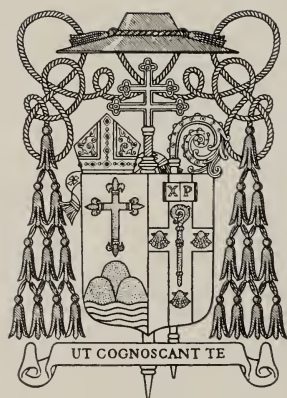


"... When the Fathers of the Church sing the praises of this mystical Body of Christ, with its ministries, its variety of ranks, its offices, its conditions, its order, its duties, they are thinking not only of those who have received sacred orders, but of all those, too, who following the evangelical counsels pass their lives either actively among men or in the silence of the cloister, or who aim at combining the active and contemplative life according to their Institute ..."

—PIUS XII, Encyclical Letter,
Mystici Corporis, 29 June, 1943
(official English text)



HIS HOLINESS POPE PIUS XII





MOST REVEREND RICHARD J. CUSHING, D.D.
Archbishop of Boston



A Vocation to the Religious Life

GOD, in His inscrutable counsels, has entrusted to the sons and daughters of men the sublime task of spreading His Kingdom upon earth. Into the hands of frail and fallible beings, God has placed "the unsearchable riches of Christ" that they may be distributed among souls. Men and women are God's chosen agents in the important, unique, and unending work of securing to mankind the life of grace which is destined eventually to flower into the life of heaven. Saints have been filled with awe, humbled beyond measure, enraptured at the thought that God has put Himself to the "disadvantage" of depending upon His creatures for the transmission of His treasures of wisdom and goodness. "As the Father hath sent Me, I also send you." (John 20/21.) "You have not chosen Me but I have chosen you and have appointed that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should remain." (John 15/16.)

Consistent with His Will concerning the application of the graces of the Redemption, God never ceases to invite, with infinite condescension and affection, young men and young women from all classes and conditions of life to choose Him as their portion and to dedicate themselves to the apostolate of preaching, educating and praying in His Name and for the advancement of His glory.

At certain periods in the history of His Church, the call to serve God in religion has been widely accepted. At other times, there has been an almost frightening lack of response to the Master's "Come, follow Me." The current age appears to belong in the latter category. God's grace is not wanting and the essentials of a religious vocation remain the same: "The absence of impediments and the firm resolution with the help of God to serve Him in the religious life." Still the cry is for more and more candidates for the priestly state, the Brotherhoods and Sisterhoods. War, materialism and indifference to religion have evidently dulled the nobler instincts of youth and stifled the silent but clear call of God. The influence of this unholy three — war, materialism and indifference to religion — places a grave obligation upon the bishops and priests of today to labor ceaselessly and tirelessly to increase the ranks of those consecrated to God. More, the absence of response to God's invitation presents A CHALLENGE to the bishops and priests to solve the problem of vocations and to remedy an acute situation.

This booklet has been composed to furnish spiritual guides with specific knowledge concerning the manner of life and objectives of the various religious communities within the confines of the diocese in order that those who hear the call of God may be best directed in the steps to be taken to fulfill a vocation. It is also a stirring appeal to modern youth, written in a language they can understand, to become God's coadjutors and to follow in the footsteps of Christ, footsteps of courage, sacrifice, generosity and love. May it serve to send forth more and worthy laborers into the harvest of the Master.

Most Rev. Richard J. Cushing
ARCHBISHOP OF BOSTON

Sisters of St. Ann

THE Congregation of the Sisters of St. Ann, whose chief aim is the sanctification of its members and the Christian education of youth, was founded in 1850, at Vaudreuil, Quebec, by Marie-Esther Blondin, under the auspices of the saintly Bishop Bourget of Montreal.

Blessed by God, the new religious family grew and expanded. The sphere of its action now extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Alaska to Haiti.

Besides teaching in schools of all levels in Canada and in the United States, the Sisters of St. Ann also direct hospitals, orphanages, and residential Indian schools, in British Columbia; but their missionary apostolate is mainly among the Esquimaux of Alaska and the colored people of Haiti.

The scope of the activities of the Sisters of St. Ann is a very wide one and gives ample opportunity to candidates to choose the line of work for which their inclinations and abilities fit them best.

The qualifications required of aspirants are the following: a right motive, such as the desire to give one's self to the service of God; moral and physical fitness; and a certain attraction for the special works of the Community.

On entering the Novitiate of the Sisters of St. Ann, each candidate is requested to bring: a recommendation from her Reverend Pastor, if the applicant is not already known by the Community; a certificate of good health from a reputable physician, and Baptismal and Confirmation certificates.

Any person seeking further information may apply to Reverend Mother General, Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Ann, Lachine, Quebec, or Reverend Mother Provincial, St. Ann's Academy, Marlboro, Massachusetts.



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Sisters of the Assumption of the B. V.

Nicolet, Quebec, Canada

THE Community of the Assumption of the B. V. took birth on September 8, 1853, feast of the Nativity of Mary. At Saint Grégoire le Grand, a peaceful country parish, situated on the banks of the St. Lawrence, a pastor is working to establish schools to provide the children with that gift more precious than gold, and as necessary as bread: instruction and Christian education. Once the schools are established he finds it impossible to have professors sufficient in number, competent in learning. He discusses the question with his curate and they decide to ask for religious teachers. But no community can furnish the required subjects. They wait one year . . . two years. Finally, the curate becomes impatient and says: "Since we cannot have nuns already made, we must make some." The project was not easy to realize, as you may think. The pastor did not give his consent immediately. He meditated and prayed. One day, as the curate was reading his breviary, he was struck by these words of a psalm, "Commit thy way to the Lord, trust in Him, and He will do it." He showed the passage to his pastor, adding: "Let us entrust our project to the Lord, He Himself will accomplish our work."

There were four teachers in the parish, pious young girls aspiring to the religious life, waiting for the hour of God. The Lord chose them to found the new community. They met in the little village school and began their educational work. They opened a novitiate and new convents. In 1872 the Mother House was transferred to Nicolet, where the seminary was situated and which became, in 1885, an Episcopal See.

The Sisters of the Assumption are now in nearly every province of Canada and in eastern United States.

Works: The community employs all talents and satisfies all tastes in the teaching domain: Classical College for young girls, Normal Schools, Superior Schools of Music, High Schools, classical and commercial, Domestic Science Schools, Courses in vocal and instrumental music, elocution, drawing and painting.

Condition for admission: A good health, sociable character, good reputation, instruction and ability to learn and aptitudes for teaching.

If you lack instruction or inclination for teaching, you may share in the works and merits of the community by manual labor as a lay sister, which is also a very high vocation and gives the right to the same reward.

For further reference address Reverend Mother Superior General, Mother House of SS. de l'Assomption de la S. V., Nicolet, Quebec, Canada.



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The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People

THE Congregation of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People is an American missionary community founded by Reverend Mother M. Katharine Drexel in 1891.

According to the Constitutions: "The special object of the members of the Congregation is to apply themselves zealously to the service of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament by endeavoring to lead the Indian and Colored Races to the knowledge and love of God and to make of them living temples of Our Lord's Divinity.

"A complete consecration of themselves, body and soul, to the service of their Lord, by a special devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, so that through Him they may sanctify in an especial manner their two-fold apostolate of prayer and work" is the first means proposed to the Sisters "to procure the education, sanctification and salvation of the Indian and Colored Races."

Grammar schools, high schools, a Catholic college and university for the Colored (Xavier University, New Orleans), social service centers, and a health clinic are all part of their far-flung mission program. Their missions number fifty and are located in twenty-one different states from Massachusetts to Texas, and from New York to California.

Candidates for admission should be between the ages of 16 and 30, and have a true supernatural motive, zeal for souls, good health, and adaptability to community life. Further information may be secured from the Reverend Mother Superior (Mother Mary of the Visitation), St. Elizabeth's Convent, Cornwells Heights, Pennsylvania.



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The Discalced Carmelite Nuns

THE Discalced Branch of the Order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel had its birth in the heart of the great Saint Teresa of Avila. After twenty years of Carmelite life in its mitigated form, Teresa was inspired to restore the observance of the Primitive Rule, which, more than three centuries earlier, had been given by Saint Albert of Jerusalem to the hermits living on Mount Carmel. The first Teresian Carmel was founded in 1562, and before the death of the Saint, in 1582, sixteen more Monasteries of Nuns had been established.

The Teresian Reform has spread throughout the world and has given saints and martyrs to the Church. At the present time there are thirty-three Monasteries of Discalced Carmelite Nuns in the United States.

The Order of Carmel is contemplative and apostolic. The life of the Carmelite Nun is contemplative; it is the life of our Lady at Nazareth, a life of prayer and sacrifice, destined to procure the glory of God by the personal sanctification of the members of the Order, and by continual intercession for the needs of the Church, the sanctification of priests and the salvation of souls.

Strict enclosure is observed. The Divine Office is recited in choir, and two hours each day are given to mental prayer. Meat is never eaten, except in case of illness; and a fast is observed from September 14th until Easter. Silence and manual labor are essential points of the Rule.

A fitness to assume these obligations, a strong desire to learn and live the spirit of Carmel as portrayed above, and a sound understanding and good judgment, so insisted upon by Saint Teresa for her subjects, are the chief requirements of a candidate seeking admission to Carmel.

(The quota for this monastery is filled at the time of this printing, but information will gladly be given to those who may wish to inquire further about the life.)

Mother Aloysius of the Blessed Sacrament, D.C., Prioress, Monastery of Discalced Carmelites, 61 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Roxbury, Boston 19, Mass.



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Convent of Our Lady of the Cenacle

MODELED on the inspiration of the first Retreat in the Cenacle of Jerusalem, where with Mary the Mother of Jesus, all awaited in the preparation of prayer the fiery Pentecostal coming of the Holy Spirit, the spiritual retreats of the modern Cenacle bear in the lives of modern womanhood the same glorious fruits of "a life well ordered, a heart aflame for Christ, a soul at peace in the acceptance of God's Will." And as the tongues of fire lighted the torch of Truth from which has radiated the teaching of Christian Doctrine throughout the centuries, so in the Cenacles special attention is given to the most modern methods and forms of "transmitting the faith" to the up-coming generations.

The three-point program of life in the Cenacle: labor, devotedness and prayer, is nurtured in the choral recitation of the Divine Office, which is the radiation of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and in the perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed from Mass to Benediction every day.

The Choir Nuns fulfill their vocation through the Apostolate of Retreats and the Teaching of Christian Doctrine. Free from the serious responsibility of study and of the recitation of the Divine Office in Latin, the Coadjutor Sisters promote the above Apostolate by their prayer, their humility and personal service of the retreatants.

The novitiate of a religious society is a kingdom of spiritual childhood and in this period of the hidden life, the candidate is formed to the ideals and requirements of life in the Cenacle family. The postulancy extends over a period of six months; two years further in the novitiate proper confirm her in her vocation and determine her fitness to be admitted to profession. The five-year period of first Vows gives opportunity for a practical apprenticeship in the apostolic works of retreat and catechism proper to the vocation of a Cenacle Nun; after which the young religious binds herself by the sacred Vows of Perpetual Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience to God in the Society of Our Lady of the Retreat in the Cenacle.

Specific information regarding entrance requirements may be obtained by writing to the Reverend Mother Provincial, Convent of Our Lady of the Cenacle, Lake Ronkonkoma, Long Island, N. Y., or by a visit to the Superior of any of the local Cenacle Convents. The Boston Cenacle is at 200 Lake Street, Brighton 35.



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Sisters of Charity "Grey Nuns"

THE Community of the Sisters of Charity "Grey Nuns" was founded by Madame d'Youville, in 1738, in Montreal, Canada.

The vocation of a "Grey Nun" consists in an earnest desire to give oneself, for the love of God, to the service of the poor, the sick and the destitute. Although not a contemplative order, the Grey Nuns find their strength and consolation in prayerful recollection and faithful adherence to the tenets of the religious life.

Divine Providence has seen fit to bless the labors of the Grey Nuns. From Montreal they have carried the Charity of Christ to all parts of Canada, to Alaska, even to the Arctic shores of Hudson Bay, and into the United States.

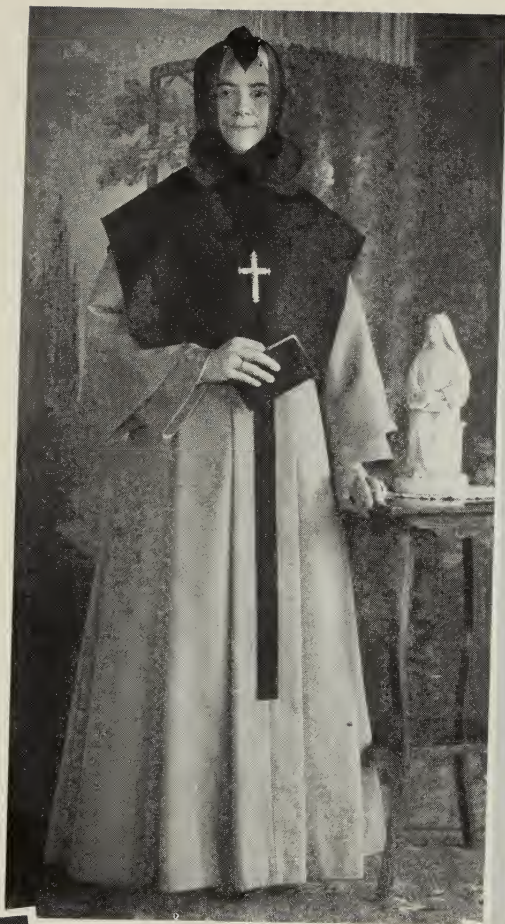
The first foundation in the United States was in 1855, at Toledo, Ohio: a hospital and an orphanage. Thence came like institutions in Cambridge, Lawrence and Worcester, Mass., Nashua, N. H., and New Brunswick, N. J.

These foundations form the United States Province of the order, and are operated from the Provincial House in Cambridge, Mass. The Grey Nuns' Novitiate is also located in Cambridge.

The simple garb of a Grey Nun consists of a Grey Habit and a black headdress.

Entrance requirements for aspirants to the Community are: The right inclination, moral fitness, and good health. Reply in writing to the questionnaire presented by the Community. Present Certificates of Baptism, Confirmation, and good health, which last should be signed by the doctor appointed for the novices. A letter of reference from the Pastor of the parish in which the aspirant resides is likewise required.

For further information, please apply to: The Mistress of Novices.
1575 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, Mass.



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The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth

FOUNDED near Bardston, Kentucky, in 1812, by the Most Reverend John Baptist Mary David, this Congregation received from its saintly founder the distinctive name of Sisters of Charity of Nazareth to signify its characteristic spirit—imitation of the Holy Family in the hidden life of self-forgetting charity. It became a Pontifical Congregation in 1910, continuing to draw membership from generous souls of many nationalities.

According to the spirit of Saint Vincent de Paul, patron of the Congregation, Mother Catherine Spalding, its foundress and first superior, personally initiated the present elastic program of multiform charity: primary, elementary, and high school teaching in parochial schools and academies; higher education in colleges and in nurses' training schools; care of the sick in hospitals, mental as well as physical; institutional care of orphans; negro clinical and educational work.

Candidates present the customary canonical certificates; if beyond the age of thirty, they apply for a dispensation. Besides mental and physical health, they must have a sincere desire for their own spiritual advancement and a generous willingness to serve others in the professional, clerical, and household duties of the Congregation for the love of God—according to its motto: *Caritas Christi urget nos*.

At the Motherhouse of Nazareth, forty miles from Louisville, the Congregation trains in its spirit and activities:

1. Aspirants, girls who are in high school, desirous of becoming Sisters.
2. Postulants, six-month probationers.
3. Novices, two-year trainees.

After a two-year novitiate, novices are admitted to simple vows renewable annually for three years; then to perpetual profession. Vows are pronounced publicly immediately after the Priest's Communion during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, on March 25, July 19, and December 8.

Address—Mother General, Nazareth, Kentucky.



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The Sisters of Charity of New Jersey

THE Sisters of Charity of New Jersey claim descent in essence and in spirit from that great apostle who fired the zeal of France more than three hundred years ago, Saint Vincent de Paul. Less remote in time, they hold lineal succession from the venerated Mother Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton and her Daughters who, under Archbishop Carroll of Baltimore, founded, in 1809, the American Institute of the Sisters of Charity at Emmitsburg. Immediately, however, they owe their religious origin to the motherhouse of the New York Sisters of Charity, Mount Saint Vincent. The New York Community of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul was established in 1846. In 1859 our Founders, then affiliated with Mount Saint Vincent, New York, established a separate motherhouse in New Jersey.

The Sisters of Charity of New Jersey maintain a college, schools, hospitals, nurseries, orphanages and homes for the aged. In 1924 a mission was opened in China. The Sisters who volunteered for this service have done heroic work during the past twenty years. Two missions have been opened in Puerto Rico and one at Saint Thomas, Virgin Islands. Work among the colored in our own country is carried on at Pensacola, Florida, where the Sisters established a school in 1939.

Aspirants to the Community may apply by letter or in person to any of the following:

Reverend Mother M. Elenita, Convent of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, New Jersey.

Sister Superior, 23 Hawthorne Boulevard, Salem, Massachusetts.

Sister Superior, 46 Dacia Street, Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Sister Superior, 35 Creighton Street, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts.

Sister Superior, 91 Regent Street, Roxbury, Massachusetts.



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Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul

THE end of the Community is to honor Our Lord Jesus Christ as the Source of all charity; the Sisters accomplish this by serving Him corporally and spiritually in the person of the poor, in a spirit of humility, simplicity, and charity. Their works embrace: Visiting the poor and sick in their homes; hospitals; care of the insane, lepers, incurables; homes for infants, orphans, and the aged; teaching; vacation schools; the care of war refugees, and nursing the sick and wounded soldiers in hospitals or field ambulances; in fact, all works tending to alleviate the sufferings of humanity.

The Eastern U. S. Province maintains one college, 14 high schools, 34 elementary schools, 28 hospitals, 21 schools of nursing, 17 orphanages, one home for the aged, five day nurseries, nine infant asylums, three technical schools, three mental hospitals, five social service centers.

The Sisters serve in the states of Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

Although it is preferred that aspirants should be equipped with at least a high school education, young girls without this training but who are capable of receiving it will be accepted. While the variety of its works renders the Community interesting to professional women: Nurses, social workers, business women, teachers, librarians, technicians, dieticians, etc., it also opens a wide field of charitable activity to all those who, having the necessary qualifications, are desirous of giving themselves to God to serve Him in the person of the poor, directly or indirectly, according to the spirit and rules of the Community.

The aspirant and her immediate family should be morally and physically irreproachable. She should be free from any hereditary disease, and is requested to present with her application a doctor's certificate testifying the fitness of her health. A certificate of Baptism, of Confirmation, and Parents' Marriage Certificate are also required. A suitable education and aptitude for the works of the Community are likewise essential. However, in the case of capable aspirants of limited education, the Community will supply what is necessary for Community requirements. The age of admittance is from eighteen to thirty, but if for good reason an older subject has been delayed in making her application, a dispensation may be granted.

For detailed information address Sister Visitatrix, St. Joseph's College, Emmitsburg, Maryland.



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The Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, Halifax, Nova Scotia

THE Institute of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, Halifax, originated in 1849, when three Sisters of Charity of Mother Seton's foundation in New York City arrived in Halifax at the invitation of Bishop Walsh, to work in his diocese. The Halifax Community is therefore a branch of the Community established by Mother Elizabeth Seton at Emmitsburg in 1809. Their first Superior, Mother Basilia McCann, had been a pupil of Mother Seton and brought to the Halifax foundation a thorough knowledge of the Foundress' spirit and aims.

From its first home at old St. Mary's in the Cathedral parish, the Community spread to other parishes in Halifax, and in 1873 became established at Rockingham, a village five miles outside the city, where the Mother House is still situated. In time houses were opened in various parts of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and, after 1893, in the United States. Since then the Institute has spread across Canada.

The various works of charity are carried on by the Sisters: schools, hospitals, an orphanage, a foundling asylum, a home for the aged, residences for normal school students and working girls, Indian reservation schools. Education is the principal work, however. The Sisters conduct Mount St. Vincent College, Halifax, which is chartered by the Province of Nova Scotia to confer degrees in the Arts and Sciences. They also operate the Community Normal School, where Sisters are prepared to teach in the government schools of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, as well as in the parish and boarding schools which they themselves conduct. The Sisters also do Social Service work, conduct vacation schools for religious instruction, and teach Catechism in rural districts.

The Institute of the Sisters of Charity of Halifax is represented in Canada in the Archdioceses of Halifax, Quebec, Edmonton, Winnipeg, and Vancouver; and in the dioceses of Antigonish, Bathurst, Nelson, and Victoria. In the United States it has Houses in the Archdioceses of Boston and New York, and in the dioceses of Brooklyn, Ogdensburg, Camden, Trenton, and Seattle. It also has a House in Bermuda.

In 1913 the Institute received the Final Approbation of Rome on its Constitution. At present writing (December, 1944) its personnel is as follows: Professed Sisters, 1285; Novices, 60; Postulants, 32. There are 73 convents.

Further information may be obtained by writing to Sister Agnes Clare, St. Patrick's Convent, 115 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Roxbury, Mass.



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Sisters of the Holy Infancy of Jesus and Mary

Known as Sisters of Ste. Chretienne

THIS Community was founded at Metz (Lorraine) in 1807 by Anne Victoire de Méjanès-Tailleur. In this work she was guided by Mgr. Jauffret, Bishop of Metz. Exiled from France by the religious persecutions in 1903, a group of Sisters sought in the United States a new field of action to carry on their apostolate.

The general aim of the Institute is: the glory of God and the sanctification of its members. Its special aim is: the salvation of souls through Christian education of youth and other works of charity.

The Provincial House of the United States is at Salem, Mass. To it is attached a Juniorate. The Novitiate and a Normal School are located at Giffard, P. Q.

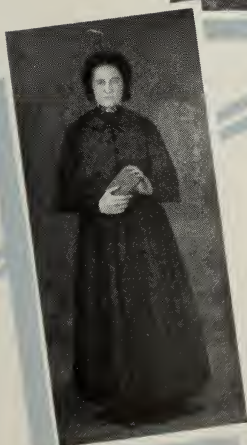
For admission to the Novitiate the applicant must not be under seventeen nor over thirty years of age. She must come from a respectable family, present sure guarantees of sufficient health, and be possessed of a character adaptable to Community life. Moreover, certificates of Baptism and Confirmation, as well as a letter of recommendation from the pastor, must be produced.

The Postulantship lasts at least six months. It is followed by the canonical year, after which the Sister is admitted to take, annually for five years, the three vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience. At the close of this period, if she is found worthy by the Superiors, the Sister binds herself to God by perpetual Vows.

All inquiries concerning conditions for admission to the Novitiate should be addressed to Rev. Mother Ste. Marie-Astérie, Provincial Ste. Chretienne, 262 Loring Avenue, Salem, Mass.



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Congregation of the Religious of Christian Education

IN 1817 Father Louis Lafosse founded the Congregation of the Religious of Christian Education in Normandy, France. His purpose was to provide for the Christian education of young girls, which had been neglected in France since the Revolution. Houses of Christian Education are now established in France, England, North Africa and the United States.

The spirit of the Congregation is a spirit of simplicity, sincerity and charity. Its aim, the glory of God through the sanctification of its members and the education of youth, is expressed in its motto: God Better Known, God Better Loved, God Better Served.

The Sisters teach in parochial schools, academies and colleges; they conduct catechism classes, and, where the pastors request it, they instruct converts and take charge of Sunday schools and sodalities.

The Religious of Christian Education wear a black habit and veil, a white headdress, a silver crucifix surmounted by a heart-shaped badge on which are traced a lily and the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, and a silver ring engraved with the words "A Jésus Seul" — "I belong to Jesus alone."

Candidates for admission must be between the ages of sixteen and thirty. Among the qualifications required are a sound judgment, a docile will, a frank disposition, good health, and at least a high school education or its equivalent. Young girls who do not desire to be directly occupied in the work of education, yet wish to share in the merits of the teaching Sisters, are employed in household duties, sewing, nursing, or office work.

The Novitiate House is in Milton, Massachusetts. For further information address Reverend Mother Superior, Jeanne d'Arc Academy, 1071 Blue Hill Avenue, Milton 86, Massachusetts.



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The Grey Nuns of the Cross

IN 1845, the Grey Nuns of Montreal sent four nuns under the leadership of Mother Elizabeth Bruyère, to found an independent branch of the Congregation in Ottawa, Canada. This branch now numbers over two thousand members, known as the Grey Nuns of the Cross, with Pontifical approbation since 1889.

A Grey Nun of the Cross may be called upon to enter one of the following activities: teaching the youth in all sorts of schools; taking care of the sick, the infirm, the aged and the orphan; visiting the poor and the sick in their homes.

A Grey Nun of the Cross may also engage in real Missionary work with the Indians of James Bay, Canada, or the colored people of Basutoland, South Africa. Other missionary fields are likely to be opened in the future.

To become a Grey Nun of the Cross, one must be at least fifteen years of age, willing to assume the obligations and sacrifices of religious life, capable of becoming a useful member of the Congregation, be free from infirmity, have a sound mind and a suitable education.

The Congregation has two Novitiates: one in Ottawa, the other in Basutoland for the colored girls. This Novitiate has already given 1406 professed Nuns who labor along with the white Sisters among their own people. A Postulate is now open in Lowell for American girls.

Postulants wear a white cap with black veil, a purple dress and blue belt. Novices and professed Nuns wear a black cap and veil, with a grey dress and black belt.

Inquiries should be addressed to the Reverend Mother General, Motherhouse of the Grey Nuns of the Cross, 9 Water Street, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.



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The Dominican Sisters of Saint Catharine of Sienna

SISTER ANGELA SANBURY, under the direction of Father Thomas Wilson, O.P., Prior of Saint Rose, Springfield, Kentucky, was the Foundress of the Congregation of Saint Catharine of Sienna, the first Foundation of Dominican Sisters in the United States, April 7, 1822.

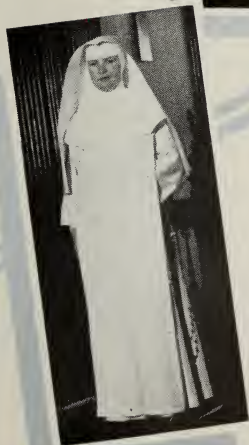
The first Community received the name of Saint Magdalen. On March 11, 1851, by an Act of the State Legislature of Kentucky, this was changed to Saint Catharine of Sienna.

The principal work of the Congregation is the personal sanctification of its members and the education of youth. However, in recent years the care of the sick has been successfully undertaken. Today the Congregation has schools in Massachusetts, New York, West Virginia, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois, Iowa, Arkansas, and Nebraska; and hospitals in Kentucky and Nebraska.

Young ladies of good character and good health, who feel that God has blessed them with a Religious Vocation and that He wishes them to serve Him as Dominicans, may communicate with the Reverend Mother General, Saint Catharine Mother House, Saint Catharine, Kentucky.



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The Bernardine Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis

THE Community of the Bernardine Sisters traces its beginning to the 15th century. The first convent of the Congregation, modeled on a Community of Sisters organized by the Blessed Angela de Marsciano and following the rule of St. Francis, was founded in Stradom, Krakow, Poland, in 1457. Because the Sisters attended divine services at a church under the patronage of St. Bernardine, they became popularly known as the Bernardine Sisters, which title has been officially accepted by this particular branch of the Order.

In 1894 a band of five Sisters from Poland headed by the Rev. Mother M. Veronica M. Grzedowska came to the United States to minister to the needs of the Polish immigrants. In 1901 the Holy See sanctioned the opening of a novitiate of the Order in Ridgewood, Pa. In 1905 it became necessary to transfer the motherhouse to its present site in Reading, Pa.

The purpose of the Community is personal sanctification through the religious life dedicated to works of charity. The Sisters educate children and youth of both sexes in private and parochial schools, provide shelter and care to orphan and destitute children, nurse the sick in hospitals and private homes, and provide shelter for the aged and infirm.

Candidates for admission must be between the ages of 16 and 30, and are required to furnish Baptism, Confirmation, and health certificates, and a recommendation from their pastor. The dowry is nominal. There is only one class of Sisters, although for teaching and nursing a high school education is prerequisite.

Inquiries should be directed to the Rev. Mother Superior at Mount Alvernia, Reading, Pa.



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The Felician Sisters, O.S.F.

THE religious of the Third Order of St. Francis, known as the Felician Sisters (Patron Saint being St. Felix of Cantalicio), was founded in Warsaw, Poland, in 1855 by the Servant of God, Mother Mary Angela Truszkowska.

The primary object is the personal sanctification of its members by the observance of the three vows of poverty, chastity and obedience in accordance with the Constitutions. The secondary object is the performance of charitable works as a means of leading souls to God. The Sisters devote themselves principally to the education of youth on the elementary and high school level; teaching of Christian Doctrine to public school children; conducting nurseries, kindergartens and orphanages; maintaining hospitals, homes for the aged, and homes for working girls.

Candidates from fifteen to thirty years of age are accepted to the Novitiate. They are required to furnish Baptism, Confirmation and health certificates, a recommendation by the pastor, a dowry (as prescribed by the Constitution), and scholastic diplomas and credentials. The Postulate lasts one year; the Novitiate two years. The professed Sisters renew their vows for six consecutive years, at the end of which they make their perpetual vows.

The Convent of Our Lady of the Angels, 1335 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut, is the Motherhouse and Novitiate of the New England Province.



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Sisters of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis of Allegany

AMONG those who have followed the Saint of Assisi are the members of a Franciscan Community whose Motherhouse was founded 1859, in Allegany, New York.

The general object of the Institute of the Third Order of Saint Francis of Allegany, New York, is the glory of God and the sanctification of its members by the observance of the three simple vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience, the Rule of Saint Francis and the Constitutions.

The Sisters maintain schools, hospitals, homes for working girls and aged, and are engaged in mission work among the colored in the South and in British West Indies.

The age of entrance is from 16 to 30 years. The necessary requirements for all candidates are: a right intention and a desire for self-sanctification; a love of souls and a holy desire to impart the truths of the Catholic faith to others; an attraction to Community Life; freedom from binding obligations in the world; at least medium talents, and a cheerful, gentle disposition.

Each candidate must present: (a) Certificates of Baptism and Confirmation; (b) A testimonial letter of good morals from the pastor or from some other priest, unless the candidate is very well known to the Superior; (c) A certificate from a reputable physician testifying to the good physical and mental health of the candidate.

Postulants, after being admitted, wear a black dress, with a black cape and a simple black cap. All postulants spend six months in the Postulancy before they receive the Holy Habit of Saint Francis. During this time they have a trial of the manner of living in the Institute and attend all spiritual exercises of the Community.

The religious dress of the Sisters consists of a brown habit, a white cord, the Crown of the Seven Joys of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a mantle, face linens and band, with guimpe and veil. The Novices wear a white muslin veil instead of the black veil of the Professed Sisters.

When the time of the Novitiate is completed, the Novice is admitted to Profession of temporary vows, taken for one year. These vows are renewed each year, for five years, after which the Sister pronounces her perpetual vows.

No distinction is made between those who do the humbler tasks and those who nurse or teach. Each can serve God by doing cheerfully the task assigned, remembering that all are working together to further the Kingdom of Christ on earth.

For other information application may be made to Reverend Mother at Saint Elizabeth's Convent, Allegany, New York.



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NOVICE

The Sisters of Saint Francis (Philadelphia Foundation)

APRIL 9, 1855, is an important date for the Sisters of Saint Francis, for on that day a little band of three zealous souls received the Holy Habit of the Seraphic Father from the hands of the Venerable Bishop Neumann, their venerated founder, in Saint Peter's Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Sisters Francis Bachmann, Mary Margaret Boll and Mary Bernardine Dorn formed the nucleus of a Congregation that now exerts its good influence from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.

The Rule followed is based on that of St. Francis for the Third Order with modifications consistent with American customs. It requires that the candidate seeking admission have completed her sixteenth year, have good health, have a fitness for some one of the activities of the Institute; namely, for nursing, teaching, caring for orphans or the aged, instructing in Religion, or doing domestic work; furthermore, that she have a disposition and temperament adapted to Community life.

The training includes a Postulate from six months to one year; a Novitiate of two full years; followed by Profession and temporary vows. Simple perpetual vows are made six years after Profession.

For further information write to the Motherhouse, Convent of Our Lady of Angels, Glen Riddle P. O., Pennsylvania.



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NOVICE

Franciscan Missionaries of Mary

THE aim of the Institute of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary is the Apostolate in Foreign Mission Fields. The life of its members is both active and contemplative, with the inestimable favor of daily Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Their work embodies every mission need: educating children of all ages and conditions, teaching, nursing, catechizing. In large cities of North America and Europe, it is varied, but chiefly along social welfare lines.

The Rule as traced by Mother Mary of the Passion received, even during her lifetime, a special mark of divine consecration in the martyrdom of Seven of her daughters in China in 1900. The ceremony of Beatification is pending the return of peace. Another daughter, Sister Mary Assunta, died in China in the odor of sanctity.

The Institute needs energetic young women, pious and serious, with a definite leaning towards the Missions. Good health is a prerequisite.

The age limit is 15 to 30. After first profession, the religious may be sent abroad. To the perpetual vows is added the offering of Victim for the Church and souls.

Pious persons, from 30 to 40, who desire to work as auxiliaries here or in the Missions may become associate members. Girls of teen age who aspire to the religious life may finish their schooling at 4 Bell Street, Providence.

The United States Novitiate is at 399 Fruit Hill Avenue, North Providence, Rhode Island.



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NOVICE

Missionary Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception

THE Institute of the Missionary Franciscan Sisters was founded in Minnesota, U. S., in 1873, by Mother Mary Ignatius Hayes. The Mother House is located on the Janiculum Hill, Rome.

The Institute conducts a Novitiate for the American Province at the Immaculate Conception Convent, Chestnut Hill, Newton, Massachusetts. Convents of the Congregation are today established in the Archdioceses of New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Newark, and Montreal; also in the Dioceses of Savannah, St. Cloud, Brooklyn, Pittsburgh, and Rockford. Added to these are the ever-expanding foundations in Egypt, Australia, and Ireland.

The primary end of the Institute is the sanctification of its members by the observance of the Evangelical Counsels. Its secondary object is to labor for the salvation of souls by means of schools, academies, catechetical centers and orphanages, irrespective of class or color. Another important feature of the Sisters' work is parish-visiting—bringing back hundreds of lax and negligent Catholics to a sense of duty, as well as instructing those who wish to enter the Catholic Church.

Aspirants from sixteen to thirty years of age are admitted to the Novitiate. All applicants must furnish evidence of their mental, physical, and spiritual fitness for the Religious life. A high school education, although desirable, is not essential, as professional training is an integral part of the second year of Noviceship and is continued after Holy Profession.

The term of probation of Postulants is six months, after which they are clothed in the Religious Habit of St. Francis. The Novitiate lasts two years, at the completion of which the Sisters are admitted to Temporary Vows. After five years the Vows are made in perpetuity.

Further inquiries may be addressed to Mother Superior, Missionary Franciscan Sisters, 20 Manet Road, Chestnut Hill 67, Newton, Mass.



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NOVICE

Franciscan Poor Clare Nuns

(Second Franciscan Order)

ST. CLARE, who was born of noble parents in Assisi in 1194, withdrew at the age of eighteen to the Church of Portiuncula, where St. Francis gave her the holy habit. This was the beginning of the Second Order of St. Francis, known as the Poor Clares. Attracted by the holiness of life of the saintly Foundress, many young ladies soon followed her example.

The Poor Clares are strictly cloistered, and live according to the first Rule of St. Clare. They lead an austere and mortified life, their life being one of prayer and penance. It is their privilege to have daily exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and to arise at midnight to recite the Divine Office, continuing in prayer for some time to implore Almighty God for mercy for the whole world. The prayers and sacrifices of the Sisters are unceasingly offered for the welfare of the Church, for missionaries, and for the conversion of sinners. Their manual work consists in making altar breads, vestments, church linens, etc.

Those desiring to embrace this form of life must come from a good Catholic family, have a fairly good education, good health, good will and a cheerful disposition. Candidates are received from sixteen to twenty-five years, but if a little older an exception is sometimes made, if there is no other impediment. No dowry is required, but if they have means they are asked to bring enough to defray the Novitiate expenses. The certificates required are Baptismal, Confirmation, Parents' Marriage, and a Doctor's certificate, also a letter of recommendation from the Pastor or Confessor.

The Poor Clares have no lay Sisters.

The Extern Sisters, while professing the Rule of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis, form an integral and vital part of the Community. Their main duties concern the external affairs of the monastery and works of mercy.

The monastery is located at 920 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain 30, Mass.



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NOVICE

Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph

THE Congregation of the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph was founded in Trenton, New Jersey, in 1897. The following year the Sisters were received into the Buffalo Diocese by the Most Reverend Bishop Quigley, and here they opened their Motherhouse and Novitiate. Since the aim of the Institute, after the sanctification of the individual members, is the ministry of spiritual and corporal charity, the Sisters immediately devoted themselves to the education of children and to the care of the sick and the aged. The Sisters serve in Connecticut, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

Because of its many activities this Congregation would appeal to various classes. The work in the schools and charitable institutions provides ample opportunities for rendering services in positions for which the members are best fitted.

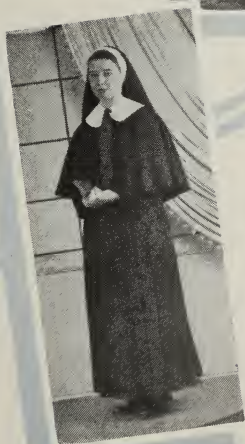
The requirements for admission are: the candidate must be between the ages of fifteen and thirty, although exceptions may be made in special cases. She must present a certificate of Baptism and Confirmation. A recommendation from the Pastor of her parish, and a doctor's certificate. She must manifest a readiness to do work to which she is assigned.

The candidates spend at least six months as Postulants and one year as Novices. Then they make Temporary Vows for three years. At the expiration of this time, if they have led an exemplary life in accordance with the Holy Rule, they will take Perpetual Vows, becoming professed members of the Community.

For detailed information address Reverend Mother General, South Park Avenue, Hamburg, New York.



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Sisters of the Good Shepherd

THE Sisters of the Good Shepherd, in addition to the three Vows of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience, make a fourth vow—to labor for the salvation of souls. These semi-cloistered Religious dedicate their lives to the rehabilitation of erring women and girls who are committed to their care by the courts or by private agencies.

In their homes of charity Christian social work is seen in action. Modern techniques such as case histories, psychological testing, and psychiatric therapy are used. Since many of the girls are of school age, the educational program usually covers the work of a junior-senior high school to which is added vocational training. In every subject who comes under their care the Sisters see above all an immortal soul to be saved, and they seek in the heart of the Good Shepherd the method of leading the unfortunate one back to God.

From the earliest days of her Novitiate a Sister of the Good Shepherd is trained to realize that a soul is worth more than the whole world; therefore she strives, through Mass, the recitation of the Office in choir, mental prayer, and recollection, to unite her own soul more closely to God so that she may become a more fitting means of bringing grace to the souls who have wandered from Him.

Young women between the ages of eighteen and thirty-five, who have completed a high school course and who have a desire to work for the salvation of erring souls, may apply to the Novitiate, Mount Florence, Peekskill, N. Y.



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NOVICE

Society of the Holy Child Jesus

THE Society of the Holy Child Jesus was called into existence by the Vicar of Christ, His Holiness Pope Gregory XVI when Cardinal Wiseman was seeking help to improve the standard of the education of Catholic women in England. His Holiness commissioned Cornelia Connelly, a recent American convert, to undertake the work, adding, "From England let your efforts in the cause of education reach America." And so in 1846, under the guidance of this holy Foundress, the Society was begun, and in 1862 the foundation in Towanda, Pa., fulfilled the Pontiff's prophecy in its first home in the United States. Today foundations, extending from coast to coast, carry on the work of the Society, while England, Ireland, France, Switzerland, Rome and Africa witness the devoted efforts of its members.

The chief work of the Society is Catholic instruction and education of all classes in parochial and private schools and colleges. In order to facilitate the work of the teaching sisters, lay sisters are received to help with the domestic work of the house. Choir sisters must have at least a high school certificate with all necessary requirements for college entrance.

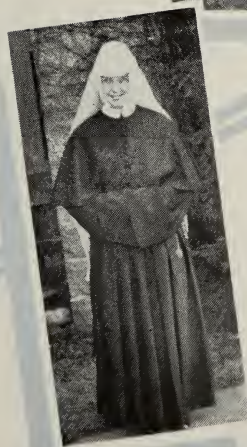
Postulants are admitted to the Society on August 28th and for good reason a second Hooding may be held in December. All applicants must present a letter from their pastor or confessor, and the certificates required by Canon law, together with a medical certificate, preferably from the Society's doctor. The age limit for applicants is seventeen to twenty-five, but exceptions are made in individual cases.

Both choir and lay sisters must complete six months of Postulantship and two full years of Noviceship when they make simple temporary vows for five years. At the end of the five years simple perpetual vows are made.

The Mother House and Novitiate of the American Province of the Society is located at Sharon Hill, Pa., and any further information on the work of the Society or requirements for admission may be obtained by writing to the Reverend Mother Provincial residing at this address.



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Little Sisters of the Holy Family

THE Society of the Little Sisters of the Holy Family was founded on May the first, 1880, at Saint Joseph's College in New Brunswick. Its founders were two religious of Holy Cross: Father Camille Lefebvre and Mother Marie-Léonie.

The Society aims at procuring the glory of God and the sanctification of each and all of its members by the practice of the three simple vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Its name, "The *Little Sisters of the Holy Family*," gives the spirit it endeavors to live: the spirit of the Holy Family, especially its strong humility and self-effacement.

Its work is an apostolic work, consecrating its services to help the Clergy by tending to the domestic needs of colleges, seminaries, episcopal dwellings and religious communities of priests. The Sisters busy themselves with the work in the kitchen, in dining rooms, in laundries, in sewing rooms, in sacristies, and also see to the cleaning of the priests' rooms.

There is no class division among the Sisters, for all labor, according to their aptitudes and their strength, in the various fields mentioned above, and according to the dictates of their Superiors.

A girl who wants to become a "Little Sister of the Holy Family" must possess a correct judgment, a good character, a solid piety, sufficient health to follow the Constitutions, aptitudes for manual work, legitimacy of birth, a Catholic and honorable parentage. Arrangements concerning a dowry can be made with the Superior General, because impossibility to furnish one will not be a cause for refusal. What is especially desired is good will and a genuine vocation.

A candidate who is accepted is a postulant for six months and then a novice for two years. She then makes her temporal vows, which she renews for five years every year, at the end of which time she makes her perpetual profession.

The Society now has 900 members laboring in 56 establishments in both Canada and the United States.

Mont-Sainte-Famille, Collinsville, Près Sherbrooke, P. Q., Canada.



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Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth

THE Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth was founded at Rome, Italy. The general aim of the congregation is the personal sanctification of its members through the observance of the three vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience modeled on the hidden life of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

The special aim of the community comprises the education of children, the care of the sick and orphans, and if need be, missionary work in foreign lands.

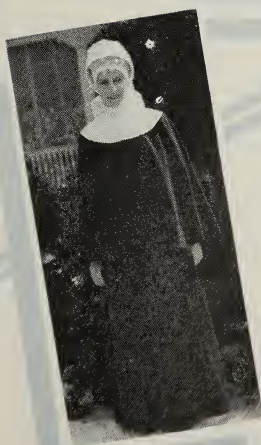
The Congregation is an international one, with the motherhouse located at Rome, Italy, and houses in Italy, France, England, Poland, and the United States of America, where there are three provinces: Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Chicago.

An aspirant desirous of entering the Community must be between fifteen and thirty years of age. She must have good health, a sound mind, and a good moral character. She must bring a letter of reference from her pastor, certificate of Baptism and Confirmation, and a certificate of health from her doctor.

Those who feel called to serve God in this Congregation may obtain further information by writing to the Reverend Mother Provincial, Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, Torresdale, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



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Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Ghost

MAY the Heart of Jesus live in the hearts of all men!" is the prayer of the Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Ghost. To make this prayer a reality, the Sisters engage in mission activities comprising teaching, nursing, catechetical work and social service. Their fields of labor include China, Japan, India, East Indies, New Guinea, Philippine Islands, and South America, as well as Colored missions and catechetical centers in the United States.

There must be a number of Sisters to engage in clerical and domestic duties and other types of work necessary to make active mission work a success. These, too, by their work and prayer serve the mission cause and help to realize the exalted aim of the Congregation. Hence every talent and ability can be utilized in the service of the missions.

Girls who have finished the eighth grade may enroll in the preparatory department, where they pursue their high school studies. Young women from eighteen to thirty are admitted directly in the postulancy for their first period of training. This is followed by a two-year novitiate. Then the novice is admitted to the first temporary vows. After six years the Sisters make perpetual vows.

The Sisters wear a dark blue habit and veil, and on their breast, suspended by a red ribbon, a crucifix above which is the emblem of the Holy Ghost. In the tropical missions they wear white habits.

Girls who have good health, common sense and the sincere intention of working for the salvation of souls may write to Mother Provincial, Holy Ghost Convent, Techny, Illinois, or to Sr. Lillian, S.Sp.S., c/o Miramar, Island Creek, Mass.



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Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

THE Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary conduct educational establishments in Canada and the United States: Normal Schools, District Home Economics Schools, High Schools and Academies in the Archdiocese of Quebec, Canada; and also in the Archdiocese of Boston, Massachusetts, and in the Diocese of Portland, Maine. In 1935, the Institute extended its apostolate to foreign mission fields in Basutoland, South Africa, in St. Rodrigue de Shoepane, St. Jean de Tlali, and St. Léonard de Léloko—all in the diocese of Roma.

The Mother House of the Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is located in Quebec City, Canada. The Congregation is divided into three Provinces, with Provincial Houses and Separate Novitiates in Quebec City, Canada; in Chicoutimi, P. Q.; and at Biddeford, Maine. A Novitiate for native Sisters is maintained in Basutoland, South Africa.

The religious training of the Sisters includes one year's postulancy and one year of noviceship. The Sisters' habit is of black serge with a black veil. The coif or headdress is of white linen. The Sisters wear a white metal crucifix. From the belt on the left side of the dress is suspended a black Rosary with a medal of the Immaculate Conception. When they travel, the Sisters wear a black mantle and bonnet. The shoes and stockings are black. The lay Sisters wear the same kind of habit as the choir Sisters. Actually, the Congregation numbers over twelve hundred members.

This Institute was founded in 1850 in Quebec City, Canada, by the Honorable George Manly Muir, Knight of St. Gregory and President of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Madame Genevieve Fitzback Roy, a pious widow whose name in religion was Mother Mary of the Sacred Heart, was the foundress and first Superior. The Institute owes its early religious formation to the Jesuit Fathers, particularly to Reverend Fathers Braun and Sache, who with Archbishop Baillargeon are regarded as the spiritual founders of the Congregation.

The aim of the Congregation is, first of all, the personal sanctification of its members by the faithful observance of the three simple vows of poverty, chastity and obedience; second, the conversion of souls, especially the spiritual rehabilitation of fallen women and the moral preservation and Christian education of youth.

Any one desiring more detailed information may apply to the Reverend Mother Provincial at any of the above mentioned addresses.



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Sisters of Jesus Crucified

THE Community of the Poor Sisters of Jesus Crucified and the Sorrowful Mother was founded in 1921 by Father Alphonsus, C.P., in Elmhurst near Scranton, Pa.

Discovering that many orphans and aged of Lithuanian descent were suffering spiritually in many state institutions because they were unable to understand the English language, Father Alphonsus undertook the hard task of founding a community of Sisters who would care for these neglected orphans and aged. For this reason the girls entering this Sisterhood up to the present have been of Lithuanian descent.

The first group of Sisters made their novitiate with the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Scranton and were professed August 2, 1925. Since then the Community had grown slowly but steadily. At present the Community numbers eighty Sisters.

The principal work of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified is that of charity, namely, caring for orphans and aged. The Sisters conduct an orphanage and a home for the aged in Elmhurst. They also engage in teaching in parochial schools and do catechetical work in parishes that have no school. During the summer the Sisters conduct ladies' and girls' retreats, and also a camp for boys and girls at a lake situated on their property.



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The Sisters of St. Joan of Arc

THE Sisters of St. Joan of Arc were founded by Mother St. Thomas Aquinas in 1919 in the City of Ottawa, the capital of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

The essential and foremost aim is the protection of young girls and women. Added to this is education, which consists of the following: Joan of Arc Academy, Commercial Courses, Pre-school, Kindergarten, Regular day classes, private lessons in English, French, Music and Art. The Sisters have also charge of parochial schools.

The Sisters visit the sick and console the afflicted, and have social activities, such as clubs, groups and circles. A Club, entitled The Valiants, was organized to consolidate the work of placement of young women as servants. Courses are given weekly in religion for young women and students of the higher grades.

Affiliated with the Motherhouse are boarding schools for children, homes for elderly persons, summer resorts for ladies, and camps for children.

Any young lady between sixteen and thirty years of age, who feels called to serve God in the Order of St. Joan of Arc, must furnish certain certificates and letters of recommendation.

For further information, kindly communicate with Rev. Mother St. Michael, Joan of Arc Institute, 489 Sussex Street, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.



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The Sisters of St. Joan of Arc

THIS Congregation was founded in 1914 by Father Marie-Clement Staub, in Worcester, Massachusetts. Father Staub was touring the United States, preaching on devotion to the Sacred Heart. He noticed, during his stay in rectories, that American priests had great difficulty in securing competent housekeepers. He saw that the only solution would be a band of consecrated women who would devote themselves to this work because they realized the sublimity of the priests' vocation. After the preliminary work of foundation, Father Staub established a Motherhouse at Bergerville, just outside Quebec.

The postulancy of the St. Joan of Arc Sisters lasts from six months to a year. It may be spent either in the Motherhouse or in other houses of the Congregation. The Novitiate is spent at the Motherhouse. It includes a canonical year and a supplementary period of at least six months, during which the Sisters are trained in the particular tasks necessary for the service of priests' households. The Sisters take temporary vows for five years; in the course of the sixth year they take permanent vows.

As the Blessed Virgin at Nazareth was proud and happy to serve Jesus, the first Priest, so the Sisters of St. Joan of Arc are proud to become the handmaids of the Lord by serving God in His priests. They devote themselves to this service by doing household work in Bishops' residences, rectories, apostolic schools, ecclesiastical colleges and seminaries. They lead an intensely supernatural life of prayer and sacrifice. Each house in which the sisters work must contain a chapel. Thus it becomes a convent, and the sisters alternate their household duties with prayer. Each week they have a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament, and every day they have Mass, Holy Communion, a half hour of meditation, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Office of the Sacred Heart, or of the Queen of the Clergy, or of St. Joan of Arc; spiritual reading, and recitation of the whole rosary while working. Each week is consecrated completely to the priesthood in the following order: Sunday, for His Holiness the Pope; Monday, for the Cardinals; Tuesday, for Archbishops; Wednesday, for deceased priests; Thursday, for secular priests; Friday, for priests of Religious Orders; Saturday, for future priests.

If you wish to consecrate yourself to the Sacred Heart in a special way by serving His priests; if you have normally good health; if you have enough education to follow the ordinary exercises of the religious life you have the basic requirements. For further information write to Mother Superior, "Jeanne d'Arc," Bergerville, Quebec, P. Q.



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Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph

ALMOST three hundred years have passed since the founding of the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in Le Puy, France. The first house of the Congregation in the United States was established in 1836 in St. Louis, Missouri. In 1873 the Sisters of Saint Joseph opened their first convent in Boston in Saint Thomas Parish, Jamaica Plain. Today, they number nearly fifteen hundred, devoting themselves exclusively to various charitable undertakings in the Archdiocese of Boston. The Sisters of Saint Joseph are represented in nearly every large parish in the Diocese, with the care of eighty Convents. The total enrollment in their schools is over thirty-two thousand, while the Sunday School enrollment is nearly forty thousand.

Candidates seeking admission to our Community must present, in personal interview with Reverend Mother, the usual testimonials prescribed by Canon Law: certificates of Baptism and Confirmation, a letter of recommendation from one's pastor or confessor, and a health certificate. Above all, the candidate must be humble, docile and obedient, realizing that only with such dispositions can she truly avail herself of the opportunities of holiness provided by our Institute.

If accepted, the candidate spends six months as a Postulant at Saint Joseph Novitiate, Framingham, Massachusetts, laying the foundation of her religious life. Upon the reception of the Holy Habit, she enters upon a two-year novitiate, at the end of which she makes the simple vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, annually for three years, then perpetually. Meanwhile, she participates in the active work of the Community, and, as a true Sister of Saint Joseph, applies herself diligently to the tasks assigned to her, without preference or choice. The main apostolate of our Congregation is teaching, but among its other activities are care of the aged and settlement work.

Applications may be made to Reverend Mother M. Simplicia, Mount Saint Joseph Academy, Brighton, Massachusetts.



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The Little Sisters of the Poor

THE Congregation of the Little Sisters of the Poor was founded in St. Servan, France, in 1839, by Jeanne Jugan, an humble servant, who, being filled with Christlike charity towards the aged poor, received the first one, a blind and destitute old woman, into her little dwelling. Together with another companion with whom she lived, she took care of this poor invalid. Soon others in similar conditions, addressed themselves to Jeanne for shelter. To maintain this her new family, Jeanne with other companions who had joined her in this charitable enterprise worked far into the night.

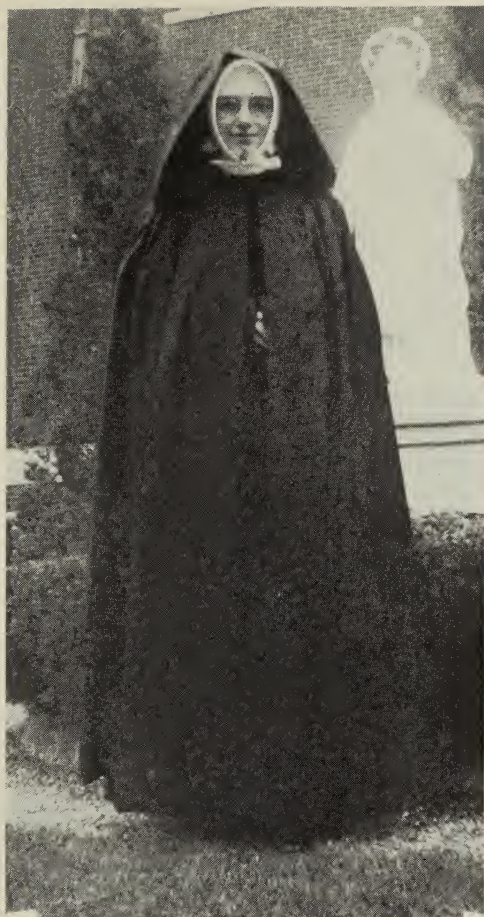
Under the spiritual direction of Father Le Pailleur, Curate of the Parish, these young women formed a little Community which spread very quickly in France and thence in other European countries. As the family grew, the means of subsistence became insufficient, so Jeanne, now Sister Mary of the Cross, animated with a great confidence in Divine Providence, began to solicit alms from charitable persons whom she knew. Thus the begging was inaugurated which to this day is one of the chief means of subsistence.

The Congregation was approved by His Holiness Pope Pius IX in 1854 before the death of the Foundress. The Little Sisters make a fourth vow, that of hospitality towards the aged poor, which is the special object of their work. The Sisters make temporary vows for two years and then repeat them for three more years. Perpetual vows are usually made at the end of five years of profession.

The first Little Sisters came to the United States upon the invitation of His Excellency the Rt. Rev. John Loughlin and opened a Home in Brooklyn in 1868.

Postulants may be received from the age of 18 to 38 years; they must have good health, honest and respectable parentage, and a recommendation from the Pastor or Confessor. A dowry or pension is not required, but suitable provision should be made, if possible. Probation for the postulant begins in one of the Homes for six months or more. The novitiate lasts two years and ends with the taking of the vows.

There are two Novitiates in America: one in the United States at 110-39 Springfield Boulevard, Queens Village, Long Island, New York; the other in Canada, St. Hilaire, Co. Rouville, P. Q.



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The Sisters of St. Mary of Namur

THE Institute of the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur was founded by Reverend Nicholas Joseph Minsart at Namur in 1819. For five years, in his early manhood, Father Minsart as Dom Jerome had lived the secluded and saintly life of a monk, in the Cistercian Abbey of Boneffe, Belgium. Forced to leave the cloister when the Revolution suppressed the Catholic religion and confiscated Church property, he undertook the more active apostolate of parish work in Namur. There the great need of religious instruction for children inspired Father Minsart to organize sewing classes in order to teach Religion also, and gradually other regular studies were added.

Thus originated the Institute of the Sisters of St. Mary, whose special aim is the Catholic education and training of children and young girls, and whose Generalate is in Namur, Belgium.

The Provincialate of the Eastern Province in this country is at Mount St. Mary, Buffalo, New York.

The true life of each individual member of the Institute is an interior life of prayer and union with God. Their labors according to the assignment of Superiors include not only teaching and study, with incidental household duties for all, but also cooking, office work, sewing, and nursing the invalid Sisters. Charity and obedience underlie the joy, devotedness, and simplicity which characterize the spirit of the Institute, so fitly expressed in its motto: "In simplicity of heart, I have joyfully offered all to God."

The Postulate lasts six months or a year—the novitiate, two years. The Institute comprises but one class of sisters who are all equally subject to the same common life.

For further information write to Mother Provincial, Mount St. Mary, Buffalo 17, N. Y.



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The Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary

THIS is a *strictly Foreign Missionary Congregation*. The actual fields of labor are the South Sea Islands and the British West Indies. As early as 1850 the Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary aided in the evangelization of the Pacific Islands.

"To be animated with the spirit of the Blessed Virgin and, so to speak, live her life" — this, in brief, is the Sisters' ideal.

The members of this Congregation are engaged in every form of missionary activity. In addition to teaching in bush schools, primary, academic and vocational schools, they do extensive social service work. They nurse the sick natives in their homes, or in hospitals, leper colonies or maternity centers.

The post-war work of these Sisters will demand that many be specialists in the works in which they have been engaged previously, particularly that they be well trained in teaching, medical work and domestic science. However, no special training is required of candidates before entering. There is a place for every talent.

The postulancy lasts six months and the novitiate two years, during which time candidates are formed to the Marist and missionary life. They must have good health and be between the ages of 17½ and 35. Those who have the generous desire to consecrate their lives to Mary in the missionary apostolate may correspond with Mother Superior, Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary, St. Theresa's Convent, Bedford, Massachusetts.



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The Order of Mercy

THE Order of Mercy was founded by Mother Catherine McAuley, in Dublin, December 12, 1831. From childhood Mother McAuley had been solicitous for the poor. "I would rather be cold and hungry myself," she once said, "than that God's poor should suffer want." This spirit of compassion led her to dedicate the new Order to the Blessed Virgin, under the title of Our Lady of Mercy.

Candidates should have attained their seventeenth birthday; be in good health; present certificates of birth and confirmation, and a written recommendation from their pastor.

The Novitiate comprises six months as postulant; two years as novice before making temporary vows; three years further Novitiate training and study before final vows. At profession Sisters make the promises common to all Religious Orders, of poverty, chastity, and obedience; and those proper to this Congregation, of service to the poor, sick, and ignorant.

Professed Sisters may be assigned to any of the works of Mercy: orphanages, infant asylums, hospitals, homes for the poor or the aged, parochial and private schools of all grades, and colleges.

The spirit of the Foundress lives in all Mercy Communities, for their Rule is a mirror of her holy life. It is so simple and concise that it seems easy, yet its exact fulfilment leads to sanctity. It makes definite provision for corporate and private devotions; stresses the importance of union and charity, and insists on the necessity of a pure intention in the least detail of daily life.

Address communications to the Mother Superior, Convent of Mercy, Manchester, New Hampshire.



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Daughters of the Most Holy Redeemer

THE Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer having their General Motherhouse in Wuerzburg, Bavaria, is a branch of the foundation established by Maria Alphonsa Eppinger in Alsace, 1849. The Congregation, whose main purpose is the self-sanctification of its members through the practice of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, is placed under the protection of St. Alphonsus and St. Teresa of Avila. It received its approbation from Pope Pius IX in 1866.

The Sisters of the Congregation are of one class only. They devote themselves to the care of the sick in their private homes, in hospitals and in sanatoriums. Some take care of children in nurseries, in kindergartens and in orphan asylums. They conduct schools of home economics, homes for the aged, homes for working girls, the household department in seminaries. Others devote themselves to secretarial, welfare and domestic work.

Of all the qualifications, good will stands first. Good health of body and of mind is another important requirement. In regard to educational qualifications, aspirants are accepted who have been graduated from high or commercial schools; also those who are graduate or trained nurses; and girls whose education has not passed beyond grammar school. Provided they are qualified, they will receive further education; if not, there is a rich field of activity in which the aspirant may find her place wherein to serve God. Other requirements are: Certificates of Baptism, of Confirmation and of health; the recommendation of a priest; school reports or diplomas.

Address your inquiries to Mother M. Hernelda, Motherhouse of the Daughters of the Most Holy Redeemer, Meadowbrook, Pa.



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The School Sisters of Notre Dame

THE original congregation of Notre Dame was founded nearly three hundred fifty years ago, near the close of the sixteenth century in the Province of Lorraine in France by Saint Peter Fourier, an Augustinian Canon. The first superior was the saintly Mother Alix Le Clerc. Under God the Order spread rapidly throughout France, Germany, and Savoy. In 1789 the French Revolution suppressed all Convents and secularized and disbanded the religious. The last Convent and school of the Order of Notre Dame to be confiscated was at Stadtamhof, in Bavaria, in 1809.

In that school at that time was a little girl, Caroline Gerhardinger, who was destined by God to reestablish the suppressed Order and to carry it beyond the limits of Europe to establish it in the soil of America.

In 1833, the saintly Bishop George Michael Wittmann of Ratisbon, in Bavaria, reorganized the Sisters of Notre Dame, and Caroline Gerhardinger became Mother Teresa of Jesus. She established schools in all parts of Germany and Central Europe. In 1847 she herself led the first band of Sisters to America.

The Order spread rapidly in all parts of the United States, and today the Sisters conduct Colleges, Academies, Schools, Orphanages, Schools for the deaf mutes, Day Nurseries, and Industrial schools from Boston to Spokane, from Canada to Florida, besides schools in Puerto Rico and South America.

The Order in America today numbers 5875 members conducting 434 educational establishments.

For a year and a half they are Candidates. This is the period of religious training and professional study. They then become Postulants for six months, after which time they receive the habit and white veil. They then spend their Canonical year in the Novitiate, taking First Temporary Vows at the completion of this year, and are sent out to teach. After three years they take Second Temporary Vows for another period of three years, and at the close of this time of probation they are permitted to take Perpetual Vows and become a fully Professed member of the Order.

Besides teaching, the order offers spiritual formation and personal sanctification to such souls as do not feel called to teaching but who desire to serve God in humbler capacities, doing the duties about the convent that Our Blessed Mother performed in the holy House of Nazareth.

For further information write to Reverend Mother Provincial, S.S.N.D., Notre Dame Convent, 901 North Aisquith Street, Box 1078, Baltimore 3, Maryland.



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The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

THE Institute of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur was founded in France, in 1803, by Marie Rose Julie Billiart, now Blessed Mère Julie since her Beatification in 1906. Later the Institute was transferred to Belgium, with the Mother House at Namur. From that center the work spread to England and the United States of America, and to foreign missions in Belgian Congo, South Africa, China and Japan. At present the Sisters number approximately 4500, distributed through six Provinces with their respective Novitiates, all under the government of the Mother General and her Council residing at Namur.

The Notre Dame Sisters are a teaching order, but there are many Sisters engaged in other duties necessary for the community and the schools. There is no distinction made as to the occupations of the Sisters, such as choir and lay nuns. All are simply Sisters of Notre Dame. The work of teaching extends to all ages from pre-primary through college, and embraces many types of schools, such as parochial, private academies, and boarding schools.

The aim of the Institute of Notre Dame de Namur is the glory of God, the salvation of souls, and the perfection of its members under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady.

The usual novitiate training lasts two years besides the six months of Postulancy. The requirements for entrance are upright intention, good reputation, suitable health, and good judgment. The contribution for expenses during training is arranged with the individual applicant. The Sisters wear a black habit, distinctive for its simplicity, with a black veil and white guimpe.

For further information write to Sister Superior Provincial, Notre Dame Training School, 62 Newton Street, Waltham, Massachusetts.



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Sisters Servants of Our Lady, Queen of the Clergy

THE Congregation of the Sisters Servants of Our Lady, Queen of the Clergy, has adopted as its principal aim to promote the glory of God, by compensating for the profanations and the indifference of which Our Lord is the object in the Sacrament of His Love, especially on the part of those who are very dear to Him: to sanctify its members through their faithful observance of the commandments of God and of the Church, of their Holy Rule and the three simple vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience.

Our goal is to surround the priest in an atmosphere of sacrifice and zeal, in order to participate in the merits of his apostolate, and to assist him in the tremendous work of the salvation of souls.

Our field of action includes: maintenance of and service in Rectories, with the care of Sacristies, especially in poor mission countries where the priest cannot easily obtain necessary help; domestic training schools; catechetical instruction; teaching in parishes or missions that are too poor to have regular teaching Sisters; the management of orphanages and temporary hospitals during epidemics. In fine, we wish to serve Holy Mother Church by helping her priests, following them from the Arctic circle to the Equator, from America to Manchuria, as shall be required of us. Hence our objectives: to be of service to any Catholic priest who should appeal to us for help.

Our Congregation was founded December 8, 1929, by Mother Marie of St. Joseph of the Holy Eucharist, at Lac-au-Saumon, Province of Quebec, Canada, where our Motherhouse and Novitiate are still located.

We have some fifteen communities in Canada, and, in New England, we serve the following Rectories and religious houses:

1. St. Anne's Rectory, Woonsocket, R. I.
 2. St. Mary's Rectory, Claremont, N. H.
 3. Notre-Dame de Lourdes Rectory, Lowell, Mass.
 4. St. John the Baptist Rectory, Suncook, N. H.
 5. St. Cecilia's Rectory, Pawtucket, R. I.
 6. St. Anthony's Rectory, New Bedford, Mass.
 7. St. Augustin's Rectory, Augusta, Me.
 8. Oblate Scholasticate, Natick, Mass.
 9. Oblate Novitiate, Colebrook, N. H.
 10. Oblate Seminary, Bar Harbor, Me.
- Sr. Mary of St. Michael, Superior at Oblate Scholasticate, Natick, Mass.



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The Sisters of Providence

ALL religious communities are proud of the crosses and trials that haloed their first beginning and the lives of their early Sisters. Without exception they seem to have been founded on the Cross. It is God's way. The story of the foundation of the Sisters of Providence in America runs true to form. The Community of the Sisters of Providence was founded by Mother Theodore Guerin and five companion Sisters who left from the Mother House at Ruille-sur-Loire, France, July 27, 1840, in response to a plea from the Most Reverend de la Hailandiere, bishop of the diocese of Vincennes, Indiana. After tedious weeks of delay the Sisters arrived at their new home in the midst of a forest on October 22, 1840. Indiana was still a frontier state in 1840, and these cultured women experienced all the hardships of such a life. Difficulties, misunderstandings, and hardships beset them on every side. Less courageous souls would have given up, but Mother Theodore and her little band were made of more virile material.

The centenary year 1940 found them a Community numbering approximately twelve hundred. Today the Sisters of Providence conduct colleges, high schools, and elementary schools from coast to coast throughout the United States. In 1920 a Providence-in-China was established in Kaifeng, East Honan, China, the center of various foreign missionary activities carried on by the Sisters of Providence, the first American congregation of religious women to carry the banner of Christian education into the interior of China.

While the Sisters of Providence are primarily a teaching community, many other forms of activity are essentially a part of their religious life, and one's every talent can be put to constructive use.

Today there is a house of postulancy in Washington, D. C., for the accommodation of young women in the Eastern States desirous of entering this community. Those interested are invited to write to the Sisters of Providence, Providence Novitiate, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, or to Sisters of Providence, House of Loretto, Wisconsin and Nebraska Avenues, N.W., Washington, D. C. Brochures, pamphlets et cetera will be sent upon request further detailing the life in this community.



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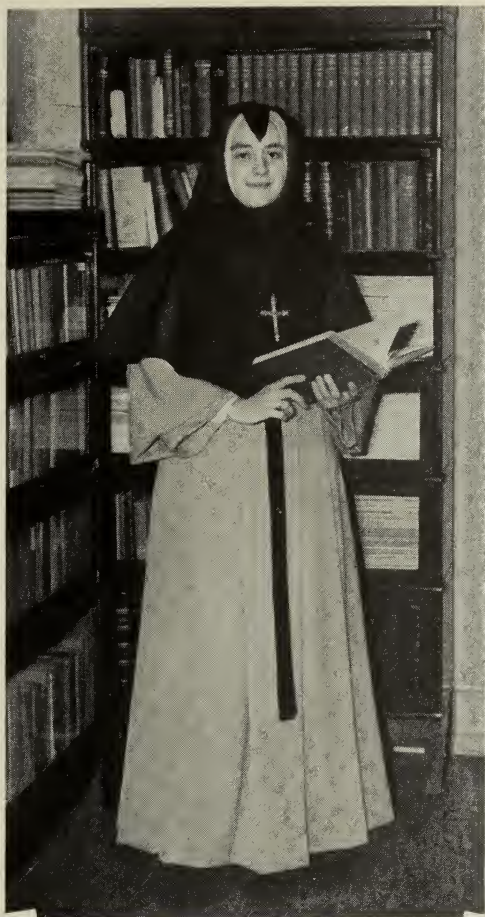
The Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart

EVERY girl who has attended school taught by Sisters, has, at some time, thought that she would like to join a community. Religious life is a life of sacrifice; those who enter sacrifice their parents, their brothers and sisters, their home, their friends; they sacrifice the possibility of earning a big salary, of becoming famous; they sacrifice the styles of their times, cosmetics, compelling coiffures, cigarettes; and, hardest of all, they sacrifice their own will. But to our earnest young Catholic women of today sacrifice is a challenge generously met by the grace of God.

Many are asking about the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart, who teach, minister to the poor, the aged, the infirm, the sick and the orphan. Their Motherhouse is in Melrose Park, Philadelphia. There in the Novitiate, novices and postulants are taught to live as the Sisters they admire live; they are taught, in other words, the A, B, C's of religious life. The lessons are not too difficult because the candidates are good Catholics who know their religion. Grey Nun candidates lay the foundation for their future work in classroom, hospital, orphanage and office by studying English, education, science, psychology, mathematics and the social studies, supplemented by courses in arts and crafts. Nor is the development of a sound body neglected.

Postulants, who must have completed at least their fifteenth year, wear a black dress and veil, white cap, collar and cuffs. At the end of a year, if they seem to be adapted to the life they have chosen, they are clothed with the Grey Habit. It is sand-colored; the coif, veil, cape and cincture are black; you notice in the picture the shining silver cross that the professed Sisters wear; novices do not wear this cross; apart from this, their habit is identical with the professed Sisters. Three years after the novice was admitted to temporary vows, she is, with the authorization of the Church and her Congregation, permitted to make final profession, at which time she is given a silver ring, the pledge of her alliance with Christ Whose spouse she is now forever.

To those interested, a folder will be sent telling of our Venerable Foundress, the objectives of the Congregation, the minimum requirements for entry, and our missions reaching from Kodiak, Alaska, to Atlanta, Georgia. Please address your request to Reverend Mother Saint Edward, Superior General, Motherhouse of the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart, Melrose Park, Philadelphia 26, Pa.



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The Society of the Sacred Heart

THE Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was founded in France in 1800 by Saint Madeleine Sophie, and was introduced into America by Blessed Philippine Duchesne in 1818. Its purpose is to glorify the Sacred Heart of Jesus by an interior life of prayer and by laboring to spread the knowledge and love of the Sacred Heart, chiefly by the work of education.

After a noviceship of two years the simple vows of poverty, chastity and obedience are taken. At profession, made at the end of five years after the first vows, is added a vow of stability, binding for life. The choir religious also take at this time a special vow to consecrate themselves to the education of youth.

In order that generous souls who wish to dedicate themselves to the Sacred Heart by lives of hidden service and thus contribute to the work of education may not be excluded from membership, the Society of the Sacred Heart includes coadjutrix sisters as well as choir religious. The love and spirit of union between the two can only be known from within. They lead the same religious life except for the recitation of office.

Education is the principal work of the Society of the Sacred Heart, and all the members share in it either directly or indirectly. The work of retreats is also considered important, as well as the necessary intercourse which the religious have with persons of the world. Every talent is useful, but it is well understood that for real value of work it is not so much talent that counts as prayer and all that prayer stands for.

The Society of the Sacred Heart has establishments in many parts of the world, including houses in the mission fields of Asia and Africa. The Vicariate house for the eastern United States is the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Albany, New York, and the local Convent is at 785 Centre Street, Newton, Massachusetts.



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The Religious of the Holy Union of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

THE Congregation of the Religious of the Holy Union of the Sacred Hearts was founded in Douai (North), France, by a saintly priest, l'Abbé Jean-Baptiste Debrabant, in 1826, at a time when France was beginning to recover from the horrors of the great Revolution.

L'Abbé Debrabant was a priest of great piety and profound humility, a wise and prudent director, a firm and enlightened teacher, and a submissive and devoted son of the Holy Church, whose memory is held in benediction.

In order to fight against the scourge of religious ignorance, he resolved to found a Society devoted to the teaching of youth. He was sustained by an unshaken faith, invincible confidence and a zeal which was proof against the most trying contradictions.

His work, being blessed by God, prospered and has spread its branches in France, Belgium, England, Ireland, North and South America, Italy (Rome), and in the Cameroons (Africa) for missionary work.

The Congregation of the Holy Union of the Sacred Hearts has the full approval of the Holy See.

The Provincial House of the Community and the Novitiate in North America is at 466 Prospect Street, Fall River, Mass. The age limit for admission is from seventeen to thirty; high school or college education. The Sisters who are not able to teach must at least be capable of fulfilling a secondary office in a house of education.

For further information write to Reverend Mother Soline, Assistant General of the Congregation, Our Lady of Pity Convent, 15 Notre Dame Avenue, North Cambridge, Mass.



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The Religious Teachers Venerini

THE Institute Venerini perpetuates in its name the name of the Foundress of the Religious Teachers, the Servant of God, Rosa Venerini.

Born in Viterbo, Italy, in 1656, Rosa Venerini, from her earliest years, showed signs of great devotion and piety, and when still a child, it would be her greatest delight to instruct other children of her age in Christian Doctrine. Following a divine inspiration, on the 29th of August in 1685, she opened in Viterbo the first free school for girls. A few years later, another foundation was made at Rome, which afterwards became the Mother House of the Congregation. The reigning Pontiff, Clement XI, came personally to visit this school, and expressed his entire satisfaction in the following words: "With these schools, you will sanctify Rome." After forty-three years of indefatigable apostolate in the mission field of the Church, Rosa Venerini gave up her pure soul to God, on May 7th, 1728.

The first Venerini Sisters came to the United States in 1909, and established themselves in Lawrence, Mass. In subsequent years missions were opened in the Diocese of Springfield, Mass., Providence, R. I., and Albany, N. Y.

The Vocation of a Venerini Sister means:

1. Living in a religious Community, which entails the observance of the Holy Rules, the Vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience;
2. Requiring: Pure motives; good qualities of mind and soul; inclination to apostolic life; normal health.
3. Performing household duties in the Convent.
4. Teaching in Parochial Schools.
5. Conducting Kindergarten classes and day Nurseries.
6. Directing Parish Sodalties.
7. Caring for the Altar; making altar Breads.
8. Supporting the Mission Cause.

Time of Probation: Six months; Novitiate: Two years.

Entrance dates: August 15th and February 2nd.

Certificates: Medical certificate of mental and physical health. Certificate of good conduct (signed by Pastor). Certificates of Baptism and Confirmation.

Required age: Girls aspiring to become members of the Congregation are accepted after they have completed the eighth grade. Age limit for others: 30.

All inquiries for admission should be addressed: Rev. Mother Provincial, Venerini Sisters' Novitiate, 23 Edward Street, Worcester, Mass.



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PRAYER FOR THE RIGHT CHOICE
OF A STATE OF LIFE



O Thou, the God of wisdom and counsel, who dost perceive in my heart a sincere desire of pleasing Thee alone, and of conforming myself to Thy most holy will in the choice of my state of life, grant me, I beseech Thee, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, my Mother, and of my patron Saints, the grace to know what state of life I should choose, and when known to embrace it, so that I may seek and spread therein Thy glory, work out my salvation, and merit that reward in heaven which Thou hast promised to those who fulfill Thy Divine will. Amen.



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